

A reflection from the Pastor

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places," in today's gospel.

These words of Jesus should give us hope and faith in these Easter days. That unity of relationship of Jesus and His Father is one that Jesus wants us to share in, so much so that he promises to go and prepare a place for each one us, so that where he is, we also might be. That is a special gift that Jesus promises. It does mean, that like Thomas, we must find our way to Jesus who is the way, the truth, and the life. What does it mean to find our way to Jesus? In simple terms, it means to put on those virtues and habits of Jesus. Saint Paul says to "put on Christ," Ephesians 2:4 and Galatians 2:3. Jesus who suffered and died for our sins and rose again as the Christ, the anointed one and Messiah is for us the way. When we have sufferings, we need to let them go to the point of their not getting in the way of our relationship with God. When we seem to have lost the way, we need to find our faith and rely on that strength. Try this week to find those moments of faith, hope, and love to show you the way- to show you Jesus the Christ.

As part of our Easter faith series, I will begin printing for your review and study with your families, the catechism of the Catholic Church, under the title "What does the Church teach." Each week, I will present a new section of the catechism. Please make time to read what we believe.

Please remember that the parish Barbecue is next Sunday, April 27, 2008. Tell your family and friends, and please come out to share in the day. It will be a time to share our faith and help the parish for the year to come.

May you have a blessed week.

Fr. Ty

St. Patrick, *pray for us.*

Did you Know?

The parish maintains a website on the worldwide web: saintpatrickschurch.net

Consult the website for past bulletin information and other useful information about our Catholic faith.

Liturgy / Mass Schedule and Intentions

April 22 – April 27

Tuesday, 22nd	6:00 p.m. Regina Coeli 6:10 p.m. Mass - <i>Vicente Garcia + By Garcia family</i>
Wednesday, 23rd	8:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Angelita Robles + by Linda Robles</i>
Thursday, 24th	8:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Julio Alvarez + by Mary L. Moya and family</i>
Friday, 25th	8:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Marcus Salas + by Salas Family</i>
Saturday, 26th	3:00 p.m. Quinceañera - Liserio 5:15 -5:45 p.m. Penance 5:40 p.m. Rosary – <i>leader: Bebe Canchola</i> 6:00 p.m. Mass – <i>Catholic Daughters</i>
Sunday, 27th	7:30 a.m. Santissima Rosario
6th Sunday Easter	8:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Frank Alvarez + by Mary L. Moya and family</i> 10:00 a.m. Mass – <i>Pro Populo</i>



First Reading Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17
Second Reading 1 Peter 3:15-18
Gospel Reading John 14:15-21

Liturgical Assignments for the week ahead

Saturday 26th, 6 p.m.

Lectors	Carol Sutton, Jeanne Lange
Cup Ministers	Jeanette West, Veronica Garcia
Gift bearers	Lawrence and Pauline Kelly
Altar Servers	Gabriella & Madeline Canales, volunteers
Ushers	B. Cantu, A. Reyes, Sr., A. Garcia, B. Hernandez

Sunday 27th, 8 a.m.

Lectors	Bacilio Gonzalez, Veronica Ledezma
Cup Ministers	Deacon Fred and Patty Soto
Gift bearers	Henry and Minnie Chacon
Altar Servers	Maurizio Ledezma, Evan Andrade
Ushers	volunteers

Sunday 27th, 10 a.m.

Lectors	Maribel Gonzalez, Melinda Valenzuela
Cup Ministers	To be announced
Gift bearers	Hybner Family
Altar Servers	Angelica, Michael, Jason Valenzuela
Ushers	volunteers

AROUND THE DIOCESE...

April 22 Tuesday. St. Mary's Altar Society Games

Party. 12 Noon to 4 p.m. Admission \$6 per person/includes refreshments. Reservations call 575-2050.

April 27 Sunday. St. Patrick's Spring Barbecue.

May 4 Holy Family Victoria Festival

Bar-b-q \$6.50/plate \$4.00 children Victoria Comm Cen

Yard Maintenance Crew

Ismael Perez, Ted Cabral, Constantino Martin,
Jose Troncoso, Juan Sanchez, Edward Garcia

This week edging the grounds and mowing for the Spring Barbecue. Lawn mower decks all the way up, please.

Pray for

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What's your Catholic IQ -Faith Quiz

Answer from last week:

The newly baptized are given a candle lighted:

a. from the Easter candle

This week's question:

A person going to Confession has the choice of being face-to-face with the priest or:

- a. announcing his sins out loud to the church
- b. writing a note
- c. text messaging
- d. being behind a screen

(Answer coming next week)

Why go to Mass... Tips for Parents with Teens

1. **Talk to your teens about Mass.** If they already love going, this is an opportunity to share faith.

If your teen is struggling with going – try to reason with them. If they say they don't 'feel' like going, tell them that Mass is not about feelings, it's about giving ourselves to God. One hour a week out of 168 hours. It's about discovering what purpose God has for our lives.

2. **The best way to help your teen is to witness by your faith.** Continue attending Mass even if they are not, encourage them by your faith.



Last Sunday's Collection:

General: \$ 2,153.05

Meat Donations: \$409.30

Religious Education

This week – Wednesday

Regular Classes

Other News

April 16 Confirmation Interviews – Round 2

April 23 First Communion Parent Meeting - 6:15 p.m.
Set up hall for Barbecue Dinner

May 3 First Penance 10:00 a.m. * Note Change

May 4 First Holy Communion: 10:00 a.m. Mass

May 18 Confirmation: 3:00 p.m. Mass

Hospital / Emergency Calls

As of member of the Victoria Deanery (churches in this area) St. Patrick's pays a hospital chaplain to meet the needs of hospital patients. If you find that you are in the hospital and in need of a priest in an emergency please contact:

Priest Beeper 503 – 9188

If no response, call:

**Chaplain at: 579-6895 (home)
920-0137**

Post this near your telephone. Please also take the time to let me know here at the parish so that I may include you on the prayer list and make a visit when possible.

Spring Barbecue Meat Donations

Thank you for your generosity

*Pablo Lopez
Artemisa Rodriguez
Eddie Madrigal
Nelda Matchett
M/M Constantino Martin
David and Norma John
M/M Arnulfo Reyes
M/M Alex Chamberlain
Christy and Gary Parenica
Exiquiel Cantu
Racheal Torres
Adolph Escalante
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Melissa Mendez
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Madaleno Garcia
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Pete J. Gallicia
Zenaida Cantu
Isaac Solorio
Sergio Miranda
Estela Mejia
David Andrades
Delfino Rodriguez
L.C. Kelly
Antonio Lamas
Erwin Lange*

Sacrament of Penance

The sacrament is celebrated Saturdays 5:15 - 5:45 p.m. It may also be requested by special appointment. Please phone the office.

Sacrament of Baptism

Please contact the parish office to register for the preparation class. Godparents should be practicing, churchgoing Catholics, who have celebrated their Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples planning to marry should contact the parish at least six months prior to their desired time of marriage.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

This healing sacrament is available when one is preparing for medical procedures or is seriously ill.

New Parishioners

Welcome. Please stop by the parish office to register.

The bulletin is provided for the explicit purpose of communicating information weekly to the people of God in Bloomington, Texas concerning the pastoral mission of the parish. For more information or to have something included, please call the pastor.

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Quinceañeras

Young ladies approaching their fifteenth birthday, who are members of the parish, are attending religious education classes, and have been enrolled for three years, may contact the parish coordinator, Ramona Torres 897-1398 six months in advance to arrange the celebration.

2008 Spring Barbecue News Sunday, April 27

Only one more week...

Things Needed:

Raffle: Please buy the tickets and help sell them. More are available in the church entrance.

Auction Items: Please find nice items to put in the auction. This is a really big boost to the barbecue. Items may be dropped off, the week of the barbecue.

Meat Donations: The Knights of Columbus will be accepting donations this weekend before and after each Mass.

Country Store Items: **Baked goods (with ingredients lists), NEW items** for sale in the country store are greatly appreciated

Cakes: Please remember that to have a successful cake walk, we need **each family to bring at least two cakes each**. They may be brought the Saturday before or the day of.

Drinks: If **each family could bring a six pack of bottle drinks** for the Kids games, that would be great for the prizes.

Please remember to volunteer to work that day- as parish family we can make it run smoothly.

What does the church teach?

CHAPTER ONE - I BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER 198

Our profession of faith begins with *God*, for God is the First and the Last,¹ the beginning and the end of everything. The Credo begins with God the *Father*, for the Father is the first divine person of the Most Holy Trinity; our Creed begins with the creation of heaven and earth, for creation is the beginning and the foundation of all God's works.

ARTICLE 1

"I BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, CREATOR OF HEAVEN AND EARTH"

Paragraph 1. I Believe in God

199 "I believe in God": this first affirmation of the Apostles' Creed is also the most fundamental. The whole Creed speaks of God, and when it also speaks of man and of the world it does so in relation to God. The other articles of the Creed all depend on the first, just as the remaining Commandments make the first explicit. The other articles help us to know God better as he revealed himself progressively to men. "The faithful first profess their belief in God."²

I. "I Believe in One God"

200 These are the words with which the Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed begins. The confession of God's oneness, which has its roots in the divine revelation of the Old Covenant, is inseparable from the profession of God's existence and is equally fundamental. God is unique; there is only one God: "The Christian faith confesses that God is one in nature, substance, and essence."³

201 To Israel, his chosen, God revealed himself as the only One: "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD; and you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might."⁴ Through the prophets, God calls Israel and all nations to turn to him, the one and only God: "Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. . . . To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear. 'Only in the LORD, it shall be said of me, are righteousness and strength.'"⁵

202 Jesus himself affirms that God is "the one Lord" whom you must love "with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength."⁶ At the same time Jesus gives us to understand that he himself is "the Lord."⁷ To confess that Jesus is Lord is distinctive of Christian faith. This is not contrary to belief in the One God. Nor does believing in the Holy Spirit as "Lord and giver of life" introduce any division into the One God: We firmly believe and confess without reservation that there is only one true God, eternal, infinite (*immensus*) and unchangeable, incomprehensible, almighty, and ineffable, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit; three persons indeed, but one essence, substance or nature entirely simple.⁸